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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1959. The Report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/60 dated 8th January, 1960.

The total number of Births registered during the year was 198 compared with 206 in 1958. The number of births per thousand of the population was 13.1 and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 13.6. The corresponding rate for 1958 was 14.1. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.5.

There was a decrease in the number of Deaths, 194 were registered during the year compared with 211 in 1958. The Death Rate per thousand of the population was 12.9. This rate, corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 9.9 compared with 10.8 in the previous year. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.6.

The number of deaths in children under the age of one year was three, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 15.2. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 22.0. In 1958 there were four deaths in this age group which gave the Infant Mortality Rate of 19.4.

Deaths from the various forms of cancer numbered 30 and this showed a reduction from the previous year when 40 deaths were attributable to this disease. The table given below shows the number of deaths in cancer of the lung in each year since 1952 and it will be seen from this that in 1959 the lowest number was recorded, only one death being due to cancer in this site:-

Year	Male	Female	Total
1952	4	-	4
1953	5	-	5
1954	4	2	6
1955	5	-	5
1956	7	-	7
1957	6	-	6
1958	4	2	6
1959	1	-	1

The cancer Death Rate was 1.99 compared with 2.64 in 1958.

Infectious Disease.

The incidence of infectious disease during the year was low and this is borne out by the number of notifications received. In all, 113 cases were notified and once again Measles were responsible for the highest total, 76 cases being notified. Sixteen cases of Whooping Cough were ~~received~~ notified. These two diseases are no longer as menacing to child life as they were some years ago when they were responsible for many deaths. These deaths were mainly attributable to the complications that so often followed these diseases but nowadays modern drugs have practically eliminated these complications so that a fatal result is extremely rare.

An outbreak of Sonne Dysentery occurred in the autumn which resulted in a total of 12 cases. Prevention of this disease depends largely on maintaining a high degree of personal hygiene at all times.

Tuberculosis.

Four new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. Two deaths occurred in patients who had already been notified as suffering from tuberculosis but in neither case was death attributable to tuberculosis.

Poliomyelitis.

For the fifth year in succession no cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district.

A table showing numbers in the various age groups that received poliomyelitis vaccination during the year at the clinics or by private practitioners in the district, is given on page 15 of this report.

The summer of 1959 was warm and dry, conditions which one normally associated with an increased incidence of poliomyelitis, but in fact, the incidence of this disease showed a marked decline on the previous years. It my well be that this decline may bear some relation to the value of protective vaccination against this disease.

Tables giving details of Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations and Smallpox Vaccinations appear on page 16 of this report.

These valuable measures of prevention must be persevered with if we are to enjoy continued freedom from these diseases.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer who supplied all the figures, relating to immunisation and vaccination programmes.

A report by Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector appears on pages 18 to 20 of this report to whom I offer my thanks.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Members of the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the Chief Officers for their help and support, and to the Staff of the Health Department for the loyal and efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA: 41,315 acres.

POPULATION: 15,070 (R.G's. estimate, 1959) -
13,788 (R.G's. Census figure 1951)

DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e. number of persons per acre:	0.36
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	4,775
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE:	3.2
RATEABLE VALUE: 1959:	£154,555
SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE, 1958/59:	£595

BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered)	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	187	99	88
Illegitimate	11	4	7
	198		

Corrected Birth Rate:	13.6
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	13.1
Corresponding Rate for 1958:	13.6
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales:	16.5

Stillbirths:	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	2	2	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births	10.1
Corresponding Rate for 1958:	9.7
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population:	.13
Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales:	20.7

DEATHS.

MALES:	78	FEMALES:	116	TOTAL:	194

Standardised Death Rate:	9.9
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population:	12.9
Corresponding Rate for 1958:	13.9
Death Rate for England and Wales:	11.6
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth	Nil
Maternal mortality per 1,000 total registered births	Nil

Total number of deaths from:	1958	1959
Cancer (all ages)	40	30
Measles (all ages)	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	3	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:	15.2
Corresponding Rate for 1958:	19.4
Infant Mortality for England and Wales:	22.0

Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	1	-	1
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	3	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	14	8	22
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	18	26
18.	Coronary disease, angina	20	10	30
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	3	4
20.	Other heart disease	10	29	39
21.	Other circulatory disease	3	5	8
22.	Influenza	1	9	10
23.	Pneumonia	1	6	7
24.	Bronchitis	1	3	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	5
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	3	-	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	5	12	17
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	2	3
34.	All other accidents	1	1	2
35.	Suicide	1	1	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total all Causes :	78	116	194

Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Dysentery	TOTAL
BENENDEN	4	-	2	-	3	9
CRANBROOK (including Sissinghurst) ..	3	4	13	-	-	20
FRITTENDEN	7	-	-	-	-	7
GOUDHURST (including Kilndown) ..	1	1	-	-	-	2
HAWKHURST	60	1	1	1	9	72
SANDHURST	1	2	-	-	-	3
TOTAL : ..	76	8	16	1	12	113

Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
MEASLES ..	6	26	7	12	4	-	6	15	-	-	-	-	76
SCARLET FEVER ..	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	8
WHOOPING COUGH ..	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	-	8	16
PNEUMONIA ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DYSENTERY ..	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	6	12
TOTAL :	6	28	9	14	5	4	8	16	4	2	3	14	113

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (Inhabitants only)
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis:												
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:												
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever (including Meningococcal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	12	-	-	4	1	2	2	-	3	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	76	2	1	3	4	6	22	32	5	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	8	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	1	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ..	16	1	1	3	1	1	8	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS: ..	113	3	2	10	6	12	35	33	8	4	-	-

Table No. 5.

TUBERCULOSIS.

TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHS IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS.

	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and over	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS :	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

	1st. Quarter			2nd. Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th. Quarter		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis:												
Number of cases on register ..	128	85	213	128	86	214	126	88	214	127	89	216
New notifications	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
Cases removed and subsequently restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers)	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died)	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
Cases remaining on register ..	128	86	214	126	88	214	127	89	216	128	88	216
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:												
Number of cases on register ..	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68
New notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed and subsequently restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining on register ..	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68

Table No. 7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	TOTAL
	Male		Female		
Cases on Register at beginning of year	128	32	85	36	281
Cases added	4	-	5	-	9
Cases removed ..	4	-	2	-	6
Remaining	128	32	88	36	284

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

I countersigned 137 International Vaccination Certificates during the year, authenticating the signatures of doctors in the Rural District, for persons travelling abroad.

DIPTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1945).

Table No. 8.

Year of Birth	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955 - 1959	24	18	18	16	28	83	107	82	79	168	158	140	131	118	29	1199
1954 or earlier	127	149	203	180	186	105	113	108	92	5	-	-	-	-	-	1268

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following table gives (a) the number of second injections and (b) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

Table No. 9.

Year of Birth	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	Before 1943	Others	TOTAL
(A)	8	145	69	34	30	31	38	31	37	24	34	33	49	42	36	50	60	714	52	1517
(B)	-	44	99	102	86	110	106	129	111	139	138	146	145	164	158	169	141	199	18	2204

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1959 of diphtheria and whooping cough immunisations and smallpox vaccination based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

Table No. 10.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping-Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1959	29	-	77	-	68
1958	87	-	63	-	89
1957	15	-	4	-	18
1956	2	-	-	-	5
1955	1	1	1	-	3
1954	1	44	-	-	5
1953	1	10	1	-	-
1952	-	3	-	-	1
1951	-	-	-	-	1
1950	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	2	1	-	-
1947	1	-	-	-	2
1946	1	1	-	3	-
1945	-	3	1	-	1
Before 1945	-	-	8	10	-
Total	138	64	156	13	193

Table No. 11.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for :		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes first registered during the year ..	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year	2	-	24	24
Homes exempt from registration at end of year	1	-	169	169

Satisfactory conditions were found at both Nursing Homes during periodic visits of inspection by the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Kent County Ambulance Service continues to be operated by the British Red Cross Society from the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook. A total of 4,410 hours were voluntarily worked by the members of the Society during the year and in addition some of the members instructed the Civil Defence in First Aid.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report on the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1959.

Water supplies.

Regular routine samples of water are taken from the mains of the Mid Kent Water Company in various parts of the district, and all such samples were satisfactory.

The proportion of houses supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies is approximately 96.7%.

Sewerage.

During the year the Benenden sewerage scheme was completed.

The sewerage scheme for Frittenden was commenced, and by the end of the year was nearing completion.

Tenders were invited for the Sissinghurst scheme which is due to be commenced early in 1960.

Housing.

The tables set out later in the Report give figures of the work carried out.

During the year the Council completed the erection of 38 dwellings in Cranbrook.

In addition, 31 new dwellings were completed in the district by private builders.

Applications for Grants have been agreed as follows :-

Discretionary grants for improvements in respect of 22 houses: for conversions in respect of six dwellings: 13 applications have been agreed for standard grants.

During the year two Clearance Areas were made in respect of areas containing a total of 14 houses. One Clearance Order made during the previous year was withdrawn before confirmation when the property was sold, and the new owner undertook to demolish the houses. The other Clearance Order made in 1958 was still outstanding at the end of the year.

Individual houses represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost, numbered 7, and of these in 5 cases undertakings were accepted from owners as to their future use, and in 2 cases demolition orders were made.

Meat and Food.

Six slaughterhouses are licensed in the area and regular weekly slaughtering carried out at three of the establishments. At the remaining three slaughterhouses killing is not so regular. Slaughtering is confined almost exclusively to the business of the occupiers, and generally the quality of animals killed is excellent. All animals notified as being slaughtered have been inspected.

Milk.

The majority of the milk supplies to the area is delivered to the retailers in bottles as pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk. The Cranbrook Rural District is now in a specified area within which all milk retailed must be tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised.

Ice Cream.

The premises registered for the sale of ice cream all obtain their supplies from outside the district, and the bulk of the ice cream is now pre-wrapped.

Hop Pickers' Camps.

Throughout the hop-picking season as many inspections as possible were made, and all camps were inspected prior to occupation.

Camps were well maintained during occupation and the dry season undoubtedly contributed to the generally satisfactory condition of the camps.

The health of the pickers was again very good. No cases of infectious disease were notified and no complaints were received.

The approximate number of camps and huts were as follows :-

	Camps.	Huts.
Benenden	6	80
Cranbrook	12	345
Frittenden	9	197
Goudhurst	33	1,674
Hawkhurst	14	495
Sandhurst	8	106
	82	2,897

Of these huts approximately 1,000 were unoccupied. There are now 37 hop-picking machines in the district, and there was again a reduction in the number of pickers accommodated in the district. The picking season, which was shorter than usual, was blessed with fine weather.

Clean Food.

Proprietors as a whole have co-operated with the Department in improving their premises to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Rainfall.

By arrangement with the Kent River Board a rainwater gauge has been installed at the Cranbrook Sewage Disposal Works, and daily readings are taken each morning, except on Sunday, the rainfall for Saturday and Sunday being taken on Monday mornings.

The record of rainfall is forwarded annually to the Meteorological Office, and particulars are given later in the Report.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given at all times by Members of the Council and yourself.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

Table No. 12.

The following table gives a general summary of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during the year, 1959 :-

	Number
Visits to Bakehouses	17
" " Butchers' Shops	61
" " Dairies	5
" " Ice Cream premises	22
" " Licensed premises	25
" " Restaurants and Kitchens	33
" " Slaughterhouses	238
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	9
" " other food premises	63
Visits to Baths	10
" " Moveable dwellings	14
" " Factories	157
" " Stables	Nil
" " Streams	Nil
" " Verminous premises	4
" " Workplaces	12
Visits re Infectious Diseases	13
" " Insects and various pests	12
" " keeping of animals	17
" " offensive trades	4
" " overcrowding	1
" " Rat/mice infestation	134
" " Shops Acts	57
" " Smoke nuisance	16
" " Water supply	17
" " Hop-Pickers' Camps	150
Houses disinfected	7
" disinfested	4
Smoke tests to drains	2
Water tests to drains	71
Informal notices served on houses	101
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	112
Formal notices served re houses	Nil
" " complied with by owner	Nil
" " " " " occupier	Nil
" " " " " Local Authority in default	Nil

Table No. 13.

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

A. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas	Houses demolished	Displaced during Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	34	76	31
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. ..	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	7	3
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action taken under Local Acts ..	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders	-	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	No.	Displaced during Year	
		Persons	Families
(8) Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	3	8	3
(9) Under Secs. 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 ..	3	4	3
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18 Housing Act, 1957	-	..	-

C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	112	-
(12) After formal action under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(13) Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	-	-

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

	No. of Houses	No. of separate dwellings
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Sec. 48	-	-
(b) Under Sec. 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Sec. 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Secs. 34 or 53	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	No. of Houses	No. of Occupiers
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas, other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	-	-

Table No. 14.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises.

The total number of food premises in the area, set out by types of premises, is given below :-

Bakehouses	8
Ice Cream (manufacturers)	Nil
Ice Cream (storage/sale)	57
Dairies	5
Butchers	13
Sausage Manufacturers	13
Restaurants and cafes	25
Grocers	41
Confectioners	19
Greengrocers	7
Fish Shops	4
	192

Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses) ..	226

Educational Activity on Food Hygiene.

No lectures on food hygiene have been held for food handlers. Inspections are carried out by the Public Health Inspectors and the general standard of cleanliness is reasonable.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Act, is as follows :-

Premises used for sausage making ..	13
" " " manufacture of ice cream	Nil
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	57
Number of inspections of these premises	71

Milk Supply.

Licences in force at the end of the year:-

Pasteurisers' Licences		Nil
Dealers' Licences:	Pasteurised Milk	7
	Sterilised	7
	Tuberculin Tested	5
	T.T. (pasteurised)	Nil
Supplementary Licences:		
	Pasteurised Milk	2
	Sterilised	Nil
	Tuberculin Tested	2
Number of Distributors of Milk in the District		12
Number of Dairies in the District (excluding farms) ..		5
Number of shops selling bottled milk		6

Five samples of tuberculin tested milk were collected, three of which were satisfactory.

Nine samples of pasteurised milk were all reported to be satisfactory.

Four samples of milk were submitted for biological test and the results were negative.

Meat and Other Foods.

Unsound food surrendered by retail and wholesale stores :-

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Tinned Goods	2.	1.	13.
Meat	3.	0.	8.
	5.	1.	21.

Disposal of Condemned Foods.

Normally only small quantities of food are condemned at one time and these are treated appropriately and disposed of under supervision at refuse tips. Arrangements are made for larger quantities of condemned meat to be disposed of to glue manufacturers.

Samples of food and drugs examined by the Public Analyst .. Nil.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

TABLE OF CARCASES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	171	-	40	443	444	-
Number inspected	171	-	40	443	444	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :-						
Whole carcases found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit	14	-	-	4	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ..	8.2%	-	-	0.9%	1.4%	-
Tuberculosis only :-						
Whole carcases found unfit	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.1%	
Cysticercosis :-						
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-

Ice Cream.

Registration of Premises:

Total number of registered premises :-

For manufacturer	Nil.
For storage and sale	57

Number of premises registered during the year :-

For manufacture	Nil.
For storage and sale	6

Results of Samples:

Number of samples	8
Grade 1	7
Grade 2	-
Grade 3	1
Grade 4	-

Water Supplies.

Bacteriological Samples:

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Samples of main water	13	-
Samples of waters other than mains ..	6	2

Chemical Samples:

Samples of main water	1	-
Samples of waters other than mains	-	-

Table No. 15.

DESTRUCTION OF RATES AND MICE.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

	Rats	Mice
Number of complaints received	54	5
" " premises infested	244	7
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	49	-
Number of premises disinfested:-		
(a) dwellings and schools	195	5
(b) Council properties (sewage works, refuse tips, etc.)	17	2
(c) food premises	1	-
(d) other premises	11	-
Total number of visits	435	17

Table No. 16.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of the work of eradicating insect pests, carried out during the year by the Rodent Operator, under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, are as follows:-

	Number
Fleas.	
Premises disinfested	2
Visits	2
Bugs.	
Premises disinfested	-
Visits	-

Table No. 17.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	71	69	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	43	88	1	-
Total	134	169	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	9	9	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Total : ..	14	14	-	3	-

RAINFALL.

The rainfall at Cranbrook Sewage Disposal works since recording commenced, was as follows:-

Table No. 18.

1959	Total Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
May	1.25	5
June	.51	9
July	1.92	9
August	1.11	8
September	.12	2
October	2.79	12
November	4.97	17
December	8.07	27